IN THE SPECIFICATION

However, the present invention is not limited by utilizing the first suction pipette 4 as a reference to determine the positioning of the other suction pipettes. Other fixed reference marks can also be selected whose precise position relative to the automatic component mounting unit 7 is known or can be simply measured. Therefore, the fixed reference mark data 25 of the automatic component mounting unit 7 can be utilized to calibrate the positioning of the suction pipettes 4 of the component head mounting member as well as the positioning of other mounting members. In this way, the positioning data can be stored within the data storage device of each of the respective mounting members wherein this data can be transmitted to the control device 6 for utilization during the mounting operation.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the new abstract attached to the end of this Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 10-32 remain in the present application.

MINOR OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract and to the Title as not being descriptive of Applicants' invention. Accordingly, although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's objections, Applicants have amended the Title and Abstract in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application. Entry of these amendments and withdrawal of the Examiner's objections is respectfully requested.

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